

December 2004 - Early Action Compact Progress Report Charleston County



1. In an effort to keep our contact information updated; please provide the following information for your county:

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2. List any progress (if applicable) since your June 2004 submittal? (stakeholder meetings, events held; special projects; etc.)

- (a) Met with MeadWestvaco Community Advisory Panel and DHEC staff (Melinda Mathias) to update on status of EAP (July 19, 2004).
- (b) Implemented a County Motor Pool, effective June 1, 2004, to cut down on number of fleet vehicles. Motor pool is established at two major county facilities, the Public Services Building and the County Office Building.
- (c) Established vehicle replacement criteria to be implemented with FY2006 vehicle requests; the goal is to 'right size' the county fleet.
- (d) Initiated the process to purchase an additional hybrid vehicle as the county continues to assess this technology. Research continues on types of hybrids available and how they could fit into county needs.
- (e) Continued with research on alternative fuels. Prepared as assessment on costs and process to install an underground storage tank for E 85. We will continue to pursue the feasibility of doing this as part of regional discussions.
- (f) Were briefed by State Fleet Management personnel on the state vehicle leasing program and Commercial Vendor Repair Program. This option is being studied by county staff, and by the Charleston County Commission on Management, Accountability and Performance (MAP) as an additional way to 'right size' our fleet. It is possible hybrid vehicles could be obtained under this program.
- (g) Initiated an employee walking club, InStride, which now has over 300 county employees participating. As part of this, the county is planning to extend our walking path and is seeking funding to install sidewalks along Bridge View Drive to facilitate walking to restaurants and recreation areas.
- (h) The county is allowing departments to implement flex hour schedules as appropriate to the services provided as a means of controlling high levels of vehicle emissions at any one time.
- (i) Under the public education strategy, the county sent an email message to all employees in August on ways to change habits to reduce ozone-causing pollutants. Also, staff provided extensive information on ozone-reduction to the Post and Courier which was used in a series of articles by Kyle Stock and Jessica Vanegeren on ground-level ozone, the EPA compact, and ways to reduce pollution. These ran in April, 2004.

3. In March 2004, the local Early Action Plan included emission reduction strategies to be implemented no later than April 2005. Do you continue to be on schedule to implement those strategies? Yes: X No:

4. What assistance is needed from our office to assist you in implementing the emission reduction strategies by April 2005?
Any help in identifying funding for installation of underground alternative fuel tanks/facilities would be appreciated.

5. Are you aware of activities being held within your county that were not included in the March 2004 EAP (i.e., gas can exchange events; public outreach and educational events; “Grow” workshops; are their cities within your county designated as “Tree City USA”, etc.)?

The County Solid Waste Department hosts composting workshops annually, and coordinates a backyard composter sale in conjunction with its annual Christmas tree recycling and e-waste/household hazardous material recovery programs.

6. Do you have any requests for specific assistance from the Department and/or the EPA?

Not at this time.

7. If possible, please provide electronic signatures of person(s) completing this report

Supervisor/Manager/Administrator: Roland H. Windham, Jr.

Date: December 8, 2004

EAC Contact: Linda G. Slater

Date: December 8, 2004

Signed copy available by fax or mail as needed. Not possible at this time to provide electronic signatures.